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FOLLOWING REPEAT MANILA10842 ACTION SECSTATE 23 JUL 76

QUOTE:

C O N F I D E N T I A L MANILA 10842

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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM SULLIVAN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S TRAVEL

1. AT EGYPTIAN NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION JULY 23, GENERAL ROMULO SOUGHT ME OUT TO EXPRESS HIS CONCERN OVER ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORT THAT YOU MIGHT CANCEL YOUR PLANNED VISIT TO MANILA. HE ASKED ME TO CABLE YOU TO SAY THAT PRESIDENT AND MRS. MARCOS, AS WELL AS ROMULO HIMSELF, VERY MUCH WANT YOU TO COME.

2. ROMULO WENT ON TO SAY THAT FILIPINOS ARE PLANNING A TRULY IMPRESSIVE WELCOME FOR YOU TO EXPRESS THEIR ADMIRATION FOR YOUR  
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WORK. HE SAID THAT WHEN YOU WERE HERE WITH PRESIDENT FORD,

THEY HAD BEEN UNABLE TO SINGLE YOU OUT AS THEY WOULD HAVE WISHED.  
IN JOCLAR BUT NEVERTHELESS GENUINE TONE, HE SAID THEY WERE  
PLANNING TO DESIGNATE A SMALL ISLAND AND NAME IT FOR NANCY.

3. FINALLY, HE ASKED ME TO INFORM YOU THAT THE VISIT NEED NOT  
BE RELATED TO PROGRESS IN OUR MILITARY BASE NEGOTIATIONS.  
FROM HIS POINT OF VIEW, THE OCCASION SHOULD BE AN OPPORTUNITY  
FOR THE PHILIPPINES TO HONOR YOU "AS AN INTERNATIONAL STATESMAN"  
AND HE HOPED YOU WOULD ACCEPT THE INVITATION IN THAT LIGHT.

4. COMMENT: AS I HAVE INDICATED IN OTHER MESSAGES, I BELIEVE THE  
VISIT WILL HAVE A BENEFICIAL EFFECT UPON OUR MILITARY BASE  
NEGOTIATIONS, EITHER TO GIVE THEM THE FILLIP THAT WILL CAUSE  
THEIR SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OR TO PROVIDE THE BALM FOR A GRACEFUL  
RECESS. GIVEN THE SPIRIT WITH WHICH ROMULO APPROACHES THE IDEA,  
IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE AURA OF US-RP GOODWILL WITH WHICH  
GOP INTENDS TO SURROUND YOUR PRESENCE WOULD INSURE SUCH BENEFITS.  
SULLIVAN UNQUOTE  
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